

Texas is honored to have as the keynote speaker former President George Bush. As the youngest pilot to fly in the Navy during World War II, Lieutenant Junior Grade George Bush flew TBM Avengers in combat off the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *San Jacinto*.

Sunday, December 7, 1941 will forever live as an infamous day in our Nation's history. But the response of the men and women we will honor on December 7, 2001 to the surprise attack will also forever be ingrained in the memory of America. Their bravery and heroism in the face of mortal danger, and their continuous determination to fight for the existence of freedom in the world shaped our Nation and, indeed, the world. To the men and women of Pearl Harbor we can only say thank you. Thank you for preserving the tenants on which this country was founded, thank you for risking your lives so that those who lived after you could enjoy the same freedom and democracy that you knew, and thank you for being at this commemorative ceremony so that we may show you our appreciation and admiration.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WHITE KNOLL STUDENTS BUY NEW YORK CITY A NEW FIRE TRUCK

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize White Knoll Middle School in Lexington, South Carolina for their wonderful donation of a fire truck for the New York City Fire Department.

You might ask why, Mr. President, would Lexington, South Carolina be interested in purchasing a fire truck for New York City. In 1867, after fire from the Civil War devastated our state capital of Columbia located just across the county line from Lexington, a group of New York City firefighters raised money to buy Columbia a new fire truck, known then as a hose reel wagon. Because the hose reel wagon was so much more effective in putting out fires than the bucket brigade, Columbia officials pledged to return the favor some day.

With the devastation in New York City and the loss of dozens of rescue vehicles in the September 11th attacks, the students of White Knoll learned of the all but forgotten pledge and decided to take matters into their own hands. They started raising money by selling patriotic buttons, T-shirts, and baked goods. They also solicited help from area businesses. The students' goal of \$354,000 was the minimum needed to purchase a new fire truck without any additional equipment.

Four students were selected to take the two day trip to New York City to award Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with an oversized check with the amount of \$354,411. Thomas Dunn, Maurice Hallman, Staci Smith, and Leigh Tyson also rode in the Macy's Thanksgiving

Day Parade with Mayor Giuliani and Yankees manager Joe Torre.

South Carolina and New York have been reunited by generosity in the midst of tragedy. I commend all the students at White Knoll Middle School for their inspiring community service and hard work.●

HONORING WILMINGTON ROTARY FOR PEACE CENTER INITIATIVE

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it is with tremendous pride that I rise today to salute the Rotary Club of Wilmington, DE, for its leadership in the worldwide initiative of Rotary International to establish eight Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Recently, the Chairman of the International Rotary Foundation, Luis Giay, visited Delaware and presented an award to the Wilmington Rotary Club for being among the very first Rotary Clubs in the world to raise, sua sponte, \$50,000 for the International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution project. The funds will be used to pay the two-year tuition costs for a graduate student to attend one of the newly-formed Rotary Peace Centers.

In this time of war and strife, my colleagues might find it interesting to learn more about these new Centers. The goals of the Rotary Peace Centers are: Mediation, Conflict Resolution, and Peace where there is war; understanding where there is disharmony; food security where there is hunger; health care where there is disease; education where there is illiteracy; conservation where there is environmental degradation; sustainable Economic Development where there is poverty.

As Rotary's major educational priority in the 21st Century, the Rotary Centers for International Studies will provide opportunities for our next generation of leaders and scholars to focus on dealing effectively with obstacles to international cooperation and peace.

Educating such promising future leaders will help Rotary fulfill its longstanding mission to promote global peace and understanding.

The Rotary Centers have partnered with some of the leading universities in the world. The eight Rotary Peace Centers are located at: Duke University and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in North Carolina; the University of California-Berkeley in California; Sciences Po in Paris, France; the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, England; the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; and, Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Like most big ideas, the fundraising initiative grew from a seed, in this case a seed planted by a small group of Wilmington Rotarians. Past Presidents Joe Melloy and Bruce Beardwood knew that with the Wilmington Rotary Club's 86-year history of service that

its members would want to be pioneers in the Rotary Peace Center project. Wilmington Rotarians then set out to meet the \$50,000 goal. They held a very successful silent auction to raise nearly half of the money. Generous, individual contributions put them over the top.

Even more impressive, the Wilmington Rotary Club then challenged the other 43 Clubs and 2,000 Rotarians in the Rotary District that encompasses Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland to raise money for the Rotary Centers for International Studies. I am proud to say, challenge issued, challenge met.

I think it is appropriate and important to publicly recognize the efforts of the Rotary Club of Wilmington to do its part to help make our world a better, safer place to live. Not only is the Wilmington Rotary Delaware's oldest and largest Rotary Club with about 250 members, it continues to be among the leading Rotary Clubs in the United States. Its leadership as a pioneer Club for the Rotary Centers for Peace and International Studies is a great example of the Rotary tradition of service and of the part each one of us can play in advancing the goal of world peace.

To the members of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, congratulations and thank you.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 3210. An act to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

S. 1748. A bill to promote the stabilization of the economy by encouraging financial institutions to continue to support economic development including development in urban areas, through the provision of affordable insurance coverage against acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4784. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Definition of Major Source" (FRL7107-4) received on November 20, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4785. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System—Regulations Addressing Cooling Water Intake Structures for New Facilities" (FRL7105-4) received on November 20, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4786. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New York: Final Authorization of